
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROPOSE
AND ADOPT RULES REQUIRING COMPREHENSIVE MARINE DEALER
REPORTS TO ALLOW FOR TRACKING, COMPARISON, AND VERIFICATION
OF MONTHLY CATCH REPORT DATA TO DETERMINE OVERALL REPORTING
ACCURACY AND EFFECTIVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OF THE AQUARIUM
FISH INDUSTRY.

1 WHEREAS, the aquarium fish industry in Hawaii has expanded
2 significantly over the past decade, with total catch increasing
3 twenty-two per cent and total value increasing forty-four per
4 cent since 2000; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
7 requires every commercial marine licensee, including aquarium
8 fishers, to submit monthly catch reports under section 189-3,
9 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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11 WHEREAS, the data from the catch reports is used by the
12 Department of Land and Natural Resources and federal fisheries
13 management agencies to monitor and assess the health of Hawaii's
14 marine resources; and

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16 WHEREAS, reporting by aquarium fish dealers of their
17 purchases and sales would allow the Department of Land and
18 Natural Resources to verify catch reports for accuracy, but such
19 reporting is currently not required in the Department of Land
20 and Natural Resources's rules; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources's
23 December 2014 "Report on the Findings and Recommendations of
24 Effectiveness of the West Hawaii Regional Fisheries Management
25 Area" included as one of its recommendations that rules should
26 be adopted to require marine dealer reporting; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
4 Land and Natural Resources is urged to propose and adopt rules
5 requiring comprehensive marine dealer reports to allow for
6 tracking, comparison, and verification of monthly catch report
7 data to determine overall reporting accuracy and effective
8 resource management of the aquarium fish industry; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
12 Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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